Number of IAS officers suspended during the year 1987

1222. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the names and number of IAS officers and other officers of Central services suspended during the year 1987 State-wise and Union Territory-wise;

(b) the names and number of IAS and other officers of Central services who have been reinstated in their jobs; and

(c) the number of court cases pending against IAS and officers of Central services during the last year State-wise and Union Territory-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) to (c) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

CBI team's visit to Sweden/Switzerland to investigate Bofors documents

1223. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY:
SHRI KAMAL MORARKA:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a C.B.I. team had gone to Sweden and Switzerland during the month of July, 1988 to investigate the authenticity of Bofors documents published in the National Press which indicated that the commission has been paid in the Howitzer deal;

(b) if so, what are the names of the personnel, who led the delegation; and

(c) whether the team has submitted its reprot to Government and if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI K. C. PANT): (a) to (c) Investigations into the material published by the 'Hindu' in June, 1988 are being carried out by the Enforcement Directorate, Income Tax Deptt. and the CBI. Contacts with the concerned foreign authorities will be made by the investigative agencies, as necessary.

Brain-drain of technical personnel

1224. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA:
SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item which appeared in the 'Business Standard' dated May 9, 1988 under the caption "Brain drain from software units";

(b) if so, whether it is a fact that the US giant Microsoft placed advertisement in Indian journals for recruiting software personnel and some of the trained software personnel accepted the offer; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof and Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) M/s Microsoft Corporation, USA informed the Department of Electronics, their intention to establish a Software Development Centre in India within 3 to 5 years. The Centre will employ software design engineers and support staff to design and develop software products for the Indian and Asian markets.

The Centre to be based on the models of Microsoft Research and Development Centres in Japan and Ireland will employ Indian computer engineers who will have been trained initially at Microsoft's Headquarters, USA.

The company have informed the Department of Electronics that they have interviewed over 300 computer engineers in India during January, 1988 and have selected 44 individuals to whom they have offered software design engineering positions in the company. They have further informed that these engineers will assume temporary software development positions between 3 and 5 years in USA and after that they will be back in India to be placed in the proposed Software Development Centre.

Department of Electronics has since taken up with the company, the question of Microsoft setting up Software development centre for export in India as early as possible.

Production of nuclear plants

1225. SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY:
SHRI ASHOK NATH VERMA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the total installed capacity of nuclear power established and operative as on the 1st June, 1987;

(b) the quantum of power actually generated;

(c) the average cost of Kelowat of power so generated;

(d) the total quantum of additional nuclear power capacity proposes to establish thereafter;

(e) whether Government are aware of the apprehension which held very wildly by a large number of people that nuclear power stations are potentially very dangerous and despite all precautions involves series health hazards, particularly to children; and

(f) if so, what steps are being taken to allay this apprehension?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN): (a) The total installed nuclear power capacity as on *1st June, 1987 is 1230 MWe.*

(b) The cumulative gross generation of power from various operating nuclear power units since commercial operation till 30th June, 1987 is 49981 Million Kwh.

(c) The Electricity generation cost in nuclear power stations ranges from 37 paise/Kwh to 45 paise/Kwh.

(d) It is proposed to instal additional 8770 MWe electrical capacity of nuclear power to bring the total installed capacity to 10,000 MWe by the turn of the century.

(e) and (f) Government are aware about the apprehensions regarding safety of nuclear power stations among some sections of the public. Very stringent safety standards are adopted in siting, construction, design and operation of the nuclear facilities. A public awareness programme has been launched to remove misconceptions and fear about nuclear power plants.

Lost of heavy water imported from Norway

1226. SHRI YALLA SESI BHUSHANA RAO: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Norwegian Shipment of heavy water for making nuclear energy imported by